Progress in setting up of refinery at Namaligarh

3002. SHRI BHADRESHWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the details of physical progress made so far by the concerned authority in respect of setting up of a refinery at Numaligarh in Assam at the site of laying the foundation stone by the Prime Minister on 3rd July, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): The physical progress made so far is as under:—

(i) preliminary soil investigations and sit survey completed.

(ii) construction of a small site office completed.

(iii) approach roads constructed to enable to take up construction job smoothly.

(iv) a POL consumer pump has been installed.

Modernisation of Digboi refinery

3003 SHRI BHADRESHWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present progress in respect of modernisation and renovation of the Digboi refinery;

(b) whether it is a fact that progress has been stalled by an abrupt order of the Chairman, Indian Oil Corpartion Limited;

(c) the amount earmarked for 1992 and 1993 and the amount spent so far; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to expedite the modernisation process?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) An expenditure of about Rs. 51 crores has been incurred on Digboi Refinery Modernisation project till June 1992. The physical progress achieved is about 39 per cent of the total work. For the year 1992-93 there is an approved provision of Rs. 20 crores for this project. In view of steep escalation in the cost of the project, revised cost estimate is being processed for approval.

Setting up of Oil Museum in Assam

3004. SHRI BHADRESHWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position in respect of proposed oil Museum in Assam;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to shift the Museum from Digboi to Guwahati against the public opinion; and

(c) if so, whether Government would rethink about the site of the site of the Museum as Guwahati is already congested and has no petroleum background?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The details of the project of the oil Museum are under finalisation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise. The Oil Museum is envisaged to be set up at Guwahati itself.

Oil and Natural Gas reserves in Maharashtra

3005. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has identified certain locations in Maharashtra which are believed to be rich in oil and natural gas reserves;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the exploration work is likely to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) A parametric location Padampur-1 in the Chandrapur (Chanda) district of Maharashtra has been identified for information drilling. This location has been offered in the 4th Round of bidding. A contract is likely to be finalised after negotiation.

Expansion of Mathura Oil Refinery

3006. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity of the Oil Refinery at Mathura;

(b) whether the said refinery has been utilising its full capacity;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to undertake the expansion of this refinery; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 7.5 MMTPA.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की खपत संबंधी सर्वेक्षण

3007. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार ने पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों की बढ़ती हुई मांग को ध्यान में रखते हुए देश में इनकी खपत के संबंध में कोई सर्वेक्षण कराया है ;

(ख) राज्यवार कितने नए पैट्रोल पंप और गैस एजेंसियां खोलने की आवश्यकता है ;

(ग) इस वर्ष कितनी गैस एजेंसियां और पैट्रोल पम्प खोले जाने की योजना है और राज्यवार उनके स्थानों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(घ) इन पैट्रोल पम्पों और गैस एजेंसियों को स्वीकृति प्रदान करने के मापदंड क्या हैं; और

(ङ) यदि ऐसा कोई सर्वेक्षण नहीं कराया गया है, तो तत्संबंधी कारण क्या हैं और देश में पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों की बढ़ती मांग को सरकार किस प्रकार पूरा करने का विचार रखती है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री **(श्री बी. शंकरानन्द) :** (क) पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों की मांग का सर्वेक्षण सरकार द्वारा प्रतिवर्ष किया जाता है ।

(ख) और (ग) वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान पूरे देश में 1423 नए खुदरा बिक्री केंद्र और 706 एल० पी० जी० के डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप खोलने के लिए तेल उद्योग से प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं ।

(घ) सभी डीलरों का चयन, स्वीकृत चयन एजेंसियों के जरिए विभिन्न श्रेणियों के अधीन उद्योग दिशा-निदेशों के अनुसार और सरकार के स्वविवेक से किया जाता है ।

(ङ) नए स्रोतों को शुरू करके और आयात में वृद्धि करके उत्पादन के देशी स्रोतों में वृद्धि करने की योजनायें बनाई गई हैं ।

राज्यों को डिटटी के तेल का आवंटन

3008. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री छोटूभाई पटेल :

क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार सभी राज्यों तथा संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को समान आधार पर